

UTILITY PATENT

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REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to further examination of the above-identified patent application.

By this Amendment, claim 4 has been canceled and claim 1 has been amended. No new matter is presented. Claims 1-3, 5, 66-69, 71, 80 and 81 are pending. Claims 66-69 have been allowed. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5, 71, 80 and 81 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Applicants thank Examiner Lee for the courtesy of an interview with the Applicants' undersigned representative on April 21, 2009, during which claim 1 and the Edler (U.S. Patent No. 3,302,669), Miyamoto (U.S. Patent No. 4,985,544), and Hallenbeck (U.S. Patent No. 5,016,508) references were discussed.

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment amends claim 1 to recite that the base is formed as a tub. The Applicants respectfully submit that the none of the above references disclose or suggest this feature.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's deposit account No. 02-2548, referencing Attorney Dkt. No. P-US-TN-3305.

Respectfully submitted,

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